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Thrift Shop Celebrates 50 Years With New Location

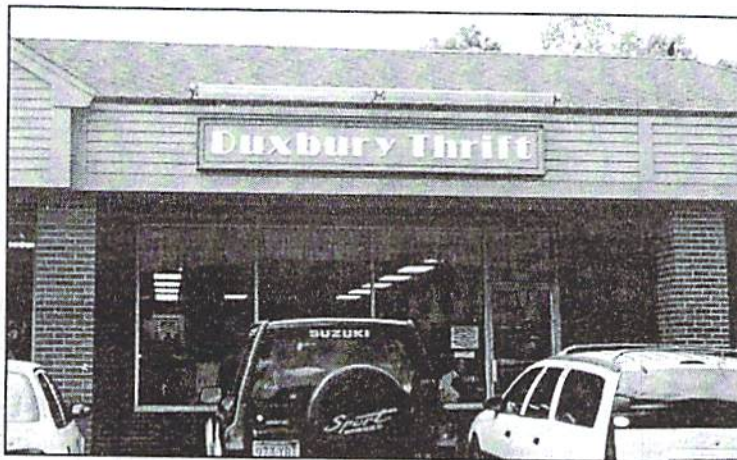
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The Duxbury Thrift and Consignment Shop is entering its 50th year of scholarships by moving into a bigger building. They moved recently from Enterprise St. to Hall's Corner, next to the Post Office.

Thrift store staffers said there are several reasons to be excited. Duxbury Thrift now occupies a building that for years had unsightly paper taped up over its windows. The new location is more convenient for shoppers, in the same plaza as a bank, post office, and the A&P.

"Everybody loves the new shop. The aisles are bigger, the clothes are nicer. Hopefully we'll make enough money to give decent scholarships and stay here. It's a perfect spot," says staff member Sally McGarigal.

The thrift store is run by Duxbury Thrift Volunteers, a non-profit organization that has given over \$300,000 in scholarships to Duxbury High School students in the past 50 years. McGarigal said volunteers are always needed in the shop. There are many incentives to become one. They have



Duxbury Thrift and Consignment's new store in Hall's Corner.

annual lunches at which they elect their president and board of directors. They also have parties and dinners, such as the upcoming Halloween bash.

Diane Ivanoff and Barbara Eddy, two Duxbury Thrift staff members, say the store has an excellent selection. They offer men's, women's, and children's clothing, as well as jewelry, bedding, rugs, handbags, and shoes. Antique dealers frequently stop by to scour the shelves for steals. A woman recently donated an Alpaca hair rug with a panda design which she bought for \$200. The shop is selling it for fifty. There is a

range of sizes, from women's petite to plus sizes. And, after two months, the shop donates all unsold items to other organizations, such as the Plymouth Coalition for the Needy.

The store depends on people to keep bringing in old clothes and other items. According to McGarigal, donations should be in-season and in excellent condition. The shop also offers consignment. There is a yearly fee of five dollars to be a consigner. Duxbury Thrift is one of the few shops to offer consigners 60 percent of the money from an item.